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BOUTEFLIKA, SEPTEMBER 18

PROR TO ADDRESS TO GA, PRESIDENT FORD, ACCOMPANIED BY  
SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMB. SCALI, CALLED ON GA PRESIDENT  
BOUTEFLIKA. FOLLOWING WERE POINTS DISCUSSED.

2. AFTER EXCHANGE INITIAL GREETINGS, BOUTEFLIKA TOLD PRESIDENT  
FORD THAT ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WANTED SECRETARY  
KISSINGER TO COME TO ALGERIA BEFORE HE UNDERTAKES HIS NEXT TRIP  
TO MIDDLE EAST. PRESIDENT FORD SAID THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS.  
SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING  
SUCH MATTERS WITH MINISTER BOUFLIKI IN HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
CAPACITY NEXT WEEK. SECRETARY ADDED THAT PROGRESS IN MIDDLE  
EAST COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF  
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND MINISTER BOUFLIKI. BOUMEDIENE'S  
ADVICE ON SYRIA WAS THE BEST WE HAD RECEIVED. KISSINGER JOKINGLY  
TOLD PRESIDENT FORD IT WAS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE BOUFLIKI  
AS AN IMPARTIAL CHAIRMAN.

3. BOUFLIKI, BECOMING MORE RELAXED, JOKED THAT IT WOULD TAKE  
A WHILE FOR HIM TO BECOME "IMPARTIAL" AS GA PRESIDENT, BUT THAT  
HE "WOULD TRY". PRESIDENT FORD LAUGHINGLY SAID SECRETARY OF  
STATE HAD A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. BOUFLIKI AGREED AND SAID  
THE KISSINGER HUMOR WAS DIRECT AND TO THE POINT AND THAT WAS  
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WHAT HELPED MAKE THEM FRIENDS. BOUFLIKI OBSERVED THAT THE

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON PRESIDENT FORD'S ACTION. FOR ALGERIA, THIS IS EVEN MORE APPRECIATED SINCE THE GOA HAD BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF MANY US FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS. BOUTEFLIKA SAID THAT HE AND HIS DELEGATION HAD ENORMOUS RESPECT FOR TAND PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH AMB. SCALI. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS COMMENT, AND SAID THAT AMB. SCALI WOULD REMAIN IN HIS PRESENT POSITION AS AMBASSADOR. UPON LEAVING TO DELIVER HIS ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENT FORD ASKED WHETHER BOUTEFLIKA INTENDED TO COME TO WASHINGTON DURING HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES. "IT WOULD NO BE IMPOSSIBLE", REPLIED BOUTEFLIKA. THE PRESIDENT INVITED BOUTEFLIKA TO CALL ON HIM IF HE CAME TO WASHINGTON.

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